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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6699

BILL NUMBER: SB 177

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 22, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Unused Medication.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a county jail or a Department of Correction facility to return unused medication to the pharmacy that dispensed it.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would have no effect on the Department of Correction (DOC). Under IC 25-26-13-25(j), health care facilities can return unused medications to a pharmacy when the medicines are contained in blister packs. Under its contract with Correctional Medical Services (CMS), the unused medications are already returned to the dispensing pharmacy when the medications are in blister packs.

Background: DOC contracts with CMS, and CMS subcontracts with PharmaCorr for medication and pharmacy services. Services include formulary maintenance and quarterly visits by a consultant pharmacist. Under current pharmacy statutes, CMS is permitted to return medication to PharmaCorr because all of the medication dispensed by them is in blister packs. Blister packs are considered unit doses. DOC indicates that the credit CMS receives for unused medication that is returned to PharmaCorr is included in its contract with CMS.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Counties that currently do not dispense medications in blister packs may be able to reduce costs of medications if they would dispense them in that manner and return unused portions to the dispensing pharmacy.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DOC.

Local Agencies Affected: County sheriffs.

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